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## PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

### UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

#### *Smallpox in Little Rock, Ark.*

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., January 20, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to report the presence of smallpox in the city of Little Rock, this State. To the present time 17 cases have been reported with 1 death. The disease also exists in several localities in this (Pulaski) county outside the city of Little Rock.

Respectfully,  
L. P. GIBSON,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

#### *Two cases of smallpox in Portland, Me., imported.*

PORTLAND, ME., January 22, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to report that 2 cases of smallpox were found in this city by the board of health on the 17th instant, and that both were at once transferred to the city pesthouse.

There was no connection between the two. One had arrived within two days from Stockbridge, Mass., the other had just come from Boston. All precautions were taken with regard to both houses and all their inmates.

Respectfully,  
S. D. BROOKS,  
*Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

#### *Smallpox in Marshfield, Oreg.*

MARSHFIELD, OREG., January, 1902.

SIR: The smallpox epidemic which appeared at this place about December 1, 1901, is of a mild type. Not until an undoubted case manifested itself was the public aroused to the real nature of the disease. Some of the local physicians refused to accept the diagnosis of smallpox and their attitude in conjunction with the mildness of the disease allayed the fears of many so that every opportunity was given it to spread. In one respect this circumstance has been of value in that it allowed a chance to study the disease in its relation to vaccination and nonvaccination. It is notable that those who showed signs of recent and successful vaccination were, as a rule, exempt, and there are instances where a single member of a family has been rendered immune by timely vaccination. It has attacked all ages, but the majority of the cases have been among children, due to the fact that the city authorities took no steps to control the epidemic, and school children were permitted to mingle freely with the eruptions on their bodies.